
HOUSE BILL No. 1713

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-17; IC 36-9-7.

Synopsis: Gas tax. Increases the appropriation from the motor vehicle highway account for grant-in-aid subsidies to counties for the salaries of full-time county highway engineers. Makes an appropriation from the motor vehicle highway account of grant-in-aid subsidies to counties for the salaries of county highway supervisors that attain specified educational achievements with respect to the road scholar program offered by the local technical assistance program. Makes an appropriation from the motor vehicle highway account for grant-in-aid subsidies to cities for the salaries of city traffic engineers who are registered professional engineers.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-17-3-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2005]: **Sec. 11. (a) The county highway supervisor fund is**
4 **established.**

5 **(b) The fund is established to assist the counties in the**
6 **employment of county highway supervisors who have attained the**
7 **designations of the road scholar program offered by the Indiana**
8 **local technical assistance program, Purdue University, as described**
9 **in section 12 of this chapter.**

10 **The fund must be used exclusively for this purpose.**

11 **(c) The fund shall be administered by the auditor of state.**

12 **(d) The expenses of the fund shall be paid from money in the**
13 **fund.**

14 **(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
15 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
16 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
17 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**



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(f) The fund consists of appropriations made under subsection (g).

(g) There is annually appropriated from the counties' share of the April distribution of the motor vehicle highway account one million three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$1,380,000) to be held by the auditor of state in the fund.

(h) Any balance in the fund at the end of each calendar year shall be returned to the counties' share of the motor vehicle highway account to be distributed in January of the following year.

SECTION 2. IC 8-17-3-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 12. Upon annual receipt of the appropriate documentation from the county auditor, the auditor of state shall distribute from the county highway supervisor fund to each county a grant-in-aid subsidy that is to be applied toward the county highway supervisor's annual salary, in the following amounts:

(1) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), if the county highway supervisor has attained the designation of master road builder in the road scholar program offered by the Indiana local technical assistance program, Purdue University.

(2) Seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), if the county highway supervisor has attained the designation of road builder in the road scholar program offered by the Indiana local technical assistance program, Purdue University.

SECTION 3. IC 8-17-3-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 13. (a) As used in this section, "consumer price index" refers to the seasonally unadjusted United States City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Workers for all items with reference to the index base period 1982-1984 (equal to 100), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(b) The dollar amounts in sections 11 and 12 of this chapter correspond to the value of the consumer price index in January 2005.

(c) The dollar amounts in sections 11 and 12 of this chapter are subject to annual adjustment as determined in STEP FOUR of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the consumer price index for January 2005. If the Bureau of Labor Statistics changes the index base period of the consumer price index from that specified in subsection (a), adjust the consumer price index for January

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2005 to conform with the new index base period.

STEP TWO: Determine the consumer price index for January of the year in question.

STEP THREE: Divide the STEP TWO amount by the STEP ONE amount.

STEP FOUR: Multiply the number to be adjusted by the STEP THREE amount, rounding to the nearest hundred dollars.

SECTION 4. IC 8-17-5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 8. There is annually appropriated from the counties' share of the April distribution of the motor vehicle highway account, **three million nine hundred twenty thousand dollars (~~\$920,000~~) (\$3,220,000)** to be held by the auditor of state in a special account known as the county highway engineer fund. The fund must be used exclusively in assisting the counties in the employment of a full-time county highway engineer.

SECTION 5. IC 8-17-5-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 10. Upon receipt of the annual certification from the county auditor, the auditor of state shall distribute from the county highway engineer fund to each county a grant-in-aid subsidy of **twenty thirty-five thousand dollars (~~\$20,000~~) (\$35,000)** that is to be applied toward the engineer's annual salary. If the county highway engineer is employed by two (2) counties acting jointly, the amount distributed to each county is **ten seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (~~\$10,000~~) (\$17,500).**

SECTION 6. IC 8-17-5-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 14. (a) As used in this section, "consumer price index" refers to the seasonally unadjusted United States City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Workers for all items with reference to the index base period 1982-1984 (equal to 100), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(b) The dollar amounts in sections 8 and 10 of this chapter correspond to the value of the consumer price index in January 2005.

(c) The dollar amounts in sections 8 and 10 of this chapter are subject to annual adjustment as determined in STEP FOUR of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the consumer price index for January 2005. If the Bureau of Labor Statistics changes the index base period of the consumer price index from that specified in

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subsection (a), adjust the consumer price index for January 2005 to conform with the new index base period.

STEP TWO: Determine the consumer price index for January of the year in question.

STEP THREE: Divide the STEP TWO amount by the STEP ONE amount.

STEP FOUR: Multiply the number to be adjusted by the STEP THREE amount, rounding to the nearest hundred dollars.

SECTION 7. IC 36-9-7-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 6. (a) The city traffic engineer fund is established.**

(b) The fund is established to assist the cities in the employment of a registered professional engineer in the position of city traffic engineer. The fund must be used exclusively for this purpose.

(c) The fund shall be administered by the auditor of state.

(d) The expenses of the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(f) The fund consists of appropriations made under subsection (g).

(g) There is annually appropriated from the cities' share of the September distribution of the motor vehicle highway account money sufficient to fund the grant-in-aid subsidies described in section 8 of this chapter.

(h) Any balance in the fund at the end of each calendar year shall be returned to the cities' share of the motor vehicle highway account to be distributed in January of the following year.

SECTION 8. IC 36-9-7-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 7. The fiscal officers of cities that employ a registered professional engineer in the position of city traffic engineer shall annually certify that employment to the auditor of state. The certification must show the name and address of the city traffic engineer and the serial number of the engineer's certificate of registration issued by the state board of registration for professional engineers.**

SECTION 9. IC 36-9-7-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY

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1, 2005]: **Sec. 8.** Upon receipt of the annual certification from the city fiscal officer, the auditor of state shall distribute from the city traffic engineer fund to each city a grant-in-aid subsidy of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) that is to be applied toward the annual salary of a city traffic engineer who is a registered professional engineer.

SECTION 10. IC 36-9-7-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 9. (a)** As used in this section, "consumer price index" refers to the seasonally unadjusted United States City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Workers for all items with reference to the index base period 1982-1984 (equal to 100), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(b) The dollar amounts in sections 6 and 8 of this chapter correspond to the value of the consumer price index in January 2005.

(c) The dollar amounts in sections 6 and 8 of this chapter are subject to annual adjustment as determined in STEP FOUR of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the consumer price index for January 2005. If the Bureau of Labor Statistics changes the index base period of the consumer price index from that specified in subsection (a), adjust the consumer price index for January 2005 to conform with the new index base period.

STEP TWO: Determine the consumer price index for January of the year in question.

STEP THREE: Divide the STEP TWO amount by the STEP ONE amount.

STEP FOUR: Multiply the number to be adjusted by the STEP THREE amount, rounding to the nearest hundred dollars.

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